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## **Board Approves Contract to Help Homebound Seniors**

SAN BERNARDINO - The San Bernardino County Board of Supervisors on Tuesday approved a contract that will direct \$500,000 to Rancho Cucamonga's transportation program for homebound seniors.

Second District Supervisor Paul Biane sought the funding during mid-year budget adjustments in the fall of 2005 after city officials requested county financial assistance to expand and enhance the program.

The city provides seniors with transportation to and from the James L. Brulte Senior Center where they can get a low-cost lunches, participate in exercise classes, play bingo or take part in a number of other activities with their fellow seniors.

"I commend Rancho Cucamonga for starting this program, and I'm glad the county was able to contribute to the effort," Biane said. "By working together, we're going to make the city's senior transportation program even better."

Rancho Cucamonga officials plan to use the funds to provide transportation for more seniors and to possibly begin offering them rides to the pharmacy, grocery store, and medical appointments as well. Over the course of the three-year contract, the city will submit quarterly reports to the county detailing how the funding is being used.